

**Town of Sunset Beach
Monthly Council
Work Session and Regular Meeting
November 7, 2011**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Ronald Klein, Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita, Councilman Bob Bobinski, Councilwoman Karen Joseph, Councilwoman Carol Scott, and Councilman Wilson Sherrill.

Members absent: None

Attorney & Staff Present: Gary Parker, Town Administrator; Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney; Dustin Graham, Public Works Department Director; Chris Barbee, Fire Chief; Lisa Massey, Police Chief; Randy Walters, Building Inspector; Donna Rogers, Finance Director and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk.

**Work Session
6:45 pm**

Mayor Klein called the Work Session to order, called for agenda amendments and general discussions by the Council.

Agenda Amendments

Roll Carts

Mayor Klein advised that anyone wishing to address the Council concerning the roll cart ordinance could do so during the first public comment period. Councilwoman Scott advised that Waste Industries is beginning collection in some areas of Town at 5:30 am and suggested that Staff contact Waste Industries to request that the collection not begin so early. The Council reached a consensus to add to the agenda item 5d Roll Cart Discussion.

Council Discussion

No Parking Ordinance

Councilwoman Scott requested that Council consider directing the Planning Board to research and develop an Ordinance concerning no parking in front of hydrants or mailboxes. Attorney Isenberg will research hydrants and report to council if the Town can establish an ordinance. The Council reached a consensus to direct the Planning Board to research and develop an Ordinance concerning no parking in front of mailboxes.

Salary Range Study

Mayor Pro-Tem DeVita advised that the Salary Range Study is nearing completion and a presentation will be made during the November 15, 2011 Work Session.

Monthly Meeting

7:00 pm

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Klein called the Monthly Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Presentation - Jeff Viscount - Bike MS Breakaway to the Beach 2011/2012

Jeff Viscount thanked the Council for supporting the 2011/2012 Breakaway to the Beach event and requested the Council consider hosting next year's event.

Public Comments

Michael Rahman 1217 Canal Drive – Spoke in opposition of the roll cart ordinance and associated fines.

Jim Weikel 106 E. Main Street – Spoke in opposition of the roll cart ordinance and associated fines and voiced concerns with the island dumpster placement.

Bill Satterfield 103 Olde Oak Lane – Suggested the Council work with the County to establish extended hours for the convenience sites.

Consent Agenda Approval

Mayor Klein announced that the Department of Justice has recently completed an audit covering 1986-present for the Police Department files and that the auditor advised that this was the best audit in the region. Mayor Klein also announced that the Public Works Department accommodated 60 families with the use of the surf chairs this past season. Councilman Sherrill announced the retirement of Steve Smith, Deputy Chief of Administration and commended Chief Massey for restructuring her department to eliminate that position.

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. October 3, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. October 18, 2011 Work Session Minutes
3. Departmental Reports:
 - a. Police
 - b. Public Works
 - c. Building Inspections
 - d. Fire
4. Disposition of Directives
 - a. Amendments (151.217, 50.99, 52.05, 52.06 53.99, 70.99) sent to Municode – 10/28/11
 - b. Annual Report mailed – 10/14/11

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR
A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Old Business

Consideration - North Shore Drive East (Ext.) Underground Wiring Project Resolution Revision

Gary Parker advised that the properties on 19th Street are serviced by overhead power lines. Therefore 19th Street needs to be added to the description and a new Resolution adopted. The Council reviewed the description and reworded it to read: That the Town of Sunset Beach intends to place electric power lines underground on North Shore Drive where they are currently above ground and on 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th Streets.

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDED PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION AND TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 5, 2011 AT 7:00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS. COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH SECONDED. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Consideration of Salary Adjustments for Certifications (Tabled – 10/03/11)

Councilwoman Scott requested the specifications for all the training courses listed as eligible for the certification salary adjustments. Councilman Sherrill requested the Council consider a merit based pay plan which would include salary adjustments for certifications.

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTIFICATIONS DISCUSSION UNTIL THE NOVEMBER 15, 2011 WORK SESSION. COUNCILMAN BOBINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Appointment of ABC Board Member

The Council thanked the applicants that interviewed for the ABC Board position, Betty Oakes, Herbert Tinger and Lenard Steiner.

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT BETTY OAKES TO THE ABC BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA, COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH, COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT AND COUNCILMAN SHERRILL VOTED YES. THE MOTION CARRIED BY 4 - 0 VOTE.

Councilman Bobinski was excused from voting.

Roll Cart Discussion

The Council discussed the roll cart issue and reviewed the solutions offered. The Council advised that Waste Industries was contacted concerning a price to provide the roll cart service and to request them to change the collection day. Waste Industries advised that the cost would be very expensive to provide the service and that the collection day could not be changed without rescheduling the entire county neither of which is feasible. The Council advised that the rental companies are most familiar with the property owner and renter schedules and could be a solution. The Council reached a consensus to continue to explore solutions.

New Business

Beach Walkways Discussion

The Council discussed the crossover walkways that are scheduled to be repaired (2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 11th, 12th and 13th) and making the 3rd Street walkway handicap accessible. The Council discussed the possibility of using synthetic materials such as Trex instead of wood for the repairs. The Council reached a consensus to instruct Staff to research and price the synthetic materials for further discussion at the November 15, 2011 Work Session.

Consideration of Granting Fire Station 2 Water Line Easement to Brunswick County

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WATER INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH BRUNSWICK COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF THE DEED OF DEDICATION FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO BRUNSWICK COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comments

Betty Oakes 412 Cobia Street – Thanked the Council for re-appointing her to the ABC Board.

Jim Johnston 7503 Moorhen Lane – Advised Council that a recycle program is needed. Requested the Council contact the County concerning the water pressure and flow in the Sandpiper Bay Community.

Ed Apalinski 118 Crooked Gulley Circle – Asked how other Towns handle the roll cart issue and advised that the dumpster will attract rodents.

Norman Cole 404 29th Street – Asked if BEMC has been contacted about the leaning power pole on the causeway, spoke in opposition to the salary study.

Bill Satterfield 103 Olde Oak Lane – Reminded the Mayor of rules of procedures according to Robert Rules of Order.

Charles Nern 647 Oyster Bay Drive – Reminded the Council that the parking issues need to be re-addressed soon.

Karen Dombrowski 719 Fairway Drive – Spoke in opposition to using stairs at the crossovers as it hinders people from getting wagon and other pull-alongs to the strand.

Lynn Strandquist 414 Sailfish Street – Thanked the Council for addressing the roll cart and parking issues on the island.

Clint Dunlop 950 Oyster Pointe Drive – Thanked the Mayor, Council and employees for a job well done.

Marcus Stanaland - Voiced opposition to alleged past annexations by the Town.

Public Comments (Cont.)

William Ehling 6 Triangle Trail – Requested the time limit for the speakers during the public comment periods be increased; advised that the rental companies should be taking care of the roll carts for the properties they rent and suggested the Council increase the roll cart fine to \$50.

Kenneth Baxter 906 Elderberry Lane – Requested information about the park petition.

Adjournment

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 7, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCILMAN BOBINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town of Sunset Beach

Ronald F. Klein, Mayor

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

*The November 7, 2011 Minutes were approved December 5, 2011.